Docket No.: 392.1735

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaki KURIHARA et al.

Serial No. Unassigned Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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Filed: December 19, 2001 Examiner:

For: CONTROLLER FOR WIRE ELECTRIC DISCHARGE MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

- 10. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to claim 8, wherein on the basis of the comparison result by said comparison means, the amount of coolant is controlled
- 14. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to claim 11, wherein said control on the basis of an amount of machining of said workpiece through discharge pulse is performed based on a counted value obtained by counting the discharge pulse number applied every predetermined time, and a predetermined value determined in advance.
- 15. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to claim 11, wherein said control on the basis an amount of machining of said workpiece through discharge pulse is performed based on a value obtained by computing to integrate the discharge pulse current applied every predetermined time, and a predetermined value determined in advance.

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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed and to delete multiple dependent claims.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the abovereferenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

- 10. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to claim 8[or 9], wherein on the basis of the comparison result by said comparison means, the amount of coolant is controlled
- 14. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to [any one of claims 11 to 13] <u>claim 11</u>, wherein said control on the basis of an amount of machining of said workpiece through discharge pulse is performed based on a counted value obtained by counting the discharge pulse number applied every predetermined time, and a predetermined value determined in advance.
- 15. The controller for a wire electric discharge machine according to [any one of claims 11 to 13] <u>claim 11</u>, wherein said control on the basis an amount of machining of said workpiece through discharge pulse is performed based on a value obtained by computing to integrate the discharge pulse current applied every predetermined time, and a predetermined value determined in advance.